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1. THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND PROSPECTS FOR ITS SOLUTION OCCUPIED A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF PRESS ATTENTION JANUARY 29-31. COVERAGE INCLUDED BOTH STRAIGHT NEWS ACCOUNTS OF DENKTASH PRESS CONFERENCE AND BITSIOS-CAGLAYANGIL MEETINGS, AS WELL AS SPECULATION ABOUT SOLUTION PLANS.

2. THE PRESS WIDELY CARRIED (WITHOUT COMMENT) THE REPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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SELECTION OF CLARK CLIFFORD AS A "SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE" TO MAKE CONTACTS IN THE THREE CAPITALS.

3. JANUARY 29 NEWSPAPERS FEATURED AN ACCOUNT, GENERALLY WITH AN ATHENS DATELINE, OF A "VANCE PLAN" FOR CYPRUS, WHICH ALLEGEDLY WILL PREVIOUSLY BE SUBMITTED TO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA FOR COMMENTS ON ITS ACCEPTABILITY.

ACCORDING TO THESE ACCOUNTS, THE ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN ARE:
WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH TROOPS FROM 12 PERCENT OF THE ISLAND
PRESENTLY UNDER OCCUPATION; PROMPT RETURN OF GREEK-CYPRIOT
REFUGEES IN STAGES; FORMATION OF A CYPRIOT ARMY EQUALLY COMPOSED
OF GREEK AND TURK-CYPRIOTS; GRADUATED WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH ARMY
FROM THE ISLAND; TRANSFERRAL OF BRITISH BASES TO NATO COMMAND; AN
INDEPENDENT AND PRO-WEST FOREIGN POLICY; AND THE RESIGNATION OF
MAKARIOS AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY SOMEONE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE
ORTHODOX CHURCH. THE JANUARY 29 PRESS ALSO QUOTED ACTING FONMIN
OZTURK AS SAYING: "TURKEY MAINTAINS THE BELIEF THAT
CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS MAY BE OBTAINED SHOULD THE INITIATIVES
STARTED AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL FOR THE RESUMPTION OF INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS CONTINUE SINCERELY AND WITH GOOD WILL."

4. JANUARY 30 MILLIYET CARRIED A NILUFER YALCIN ITEM
CITING FOREIGN AND TURKISH SOURCES IN ANKARA AS DENYING THE
EXISTENCE OF A JOINT U.S.-EC PLAN FOR CYPRUS. ACCORDING TO
YALCIN, THE U.S. WILL WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT DENKTASH-
MAKARIOS MEETING BEFORE MAKING ANY NEW PROPOSALS.

5. OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST, ASIDE FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE
BITSIOS-CAGLAYANGIL MEETING:
--A STATEMENT BY NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) DEP CHAIRMAN
CUMALIOGLU THAT TURKEY WOULD MAKE NO CONCESSIONS ON ITS
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OVER THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF, FIR LINE OR
CYPRUS AND THAT "THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE CANNOT BE AGAIN GIVEN
TO MAKARIOS' COMMAND."
--A GUNAYDIN ARTICLE REPORTEDLY FROM THE FRANKFURTER ALLEGEMEINE
THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WILL AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT THAT
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INCLUDES 27 PERCENT OF CYPRUS AND THE RETURN OF 60,000 GREEK-
CYPRIOTS.
--A LEAD ARTICLE IN HURRIYET THAT STATED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER
HAS REQUESTED A REPORT FROM STATE, DEFENSE AND THE CIA ON TRENDS
IN TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY. ACCORDING TO HURRIYET, "POLITICAL
INTELLIGENCE REPORT", PREPARED BY AN ADVISOR TO SECRETARY VANCE
STATED THAT TURKEY WAS PREPARING TO ESTABLISH CLOSE TIES WITH THE
SOVIET UNION, ESPECIALLY IF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT IS NOT APPROVED. THIS REPORT ALSO ALLEGEDLY PRE-
DICTED EOKA-B VIOLENCE AGAINST THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT
COMMUNITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. EDITORIALS JANUARY 31 ABOUT CYPRUS APPEARED PRIMARILY IN THE
LEFTIST PRESS AND WERE BASICALLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR A
SOLUTION. LEFTIST POLITIKA RAISED CONNECTION BETWEEN "EFFORTS" BY
U.S. AND TURKISH BUSINESS CIRCLES TO PROMOTE A JUSTICE PARTY -
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY COALITION GOVERNMENT AND TERRITORIAL
CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS TO BE GRANTED BY SUCH A COALITION GOVERNMENT.
IN A SIMILAR VEIN, FAR LEFTIST VATAN SAW A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE

TIMING OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURATION AND THE DENKTASH-
MAKARIOS MEETING. BARIS' YASAR AYSEV WROTE THAT "MILITARY VICTORY
(IN CYPRUS) IS HEADING TOWARD A DIPLOMATIC DEFEAT, BUT IT IS A
DEFEAT WHICH WILL BRINGDOWN THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT."
PRO-NSP MILLI GAZETTE ACCUSED FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL OF SELLING OUT
TURKISH INTERESTS IN CYPRUS IN EXCHANGE FOR "WINNING THE PRAISE
'WHAT A PEACELOVING NATION' FROM AMERICA."
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